Motion:

"This House would ban corporate donations on political campaigns."

Role : First speaker of the government side

Ladies and Gentlemen, honorable members of the jury, honorable members of the opposition. Today, this Assembly meets to debate the following motion: **"This House would ban corporate donations on political campaigns."**

As the government team, we stand with firmness and conviction to defend this position.

Our thesis is clear: **We believe that democracy should be driven by the votes of citizens, not the wallets of corporations, and that banning these donations is necessary to restore political integrity.**

To establish common ground, let us precisely *define* the essential terms using the *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary*:

- **Corporate:** it is "connected with a large business company". In this debate, we refer specifically to for-profit business entities.
- **Donation:** it is "something that is given to a person or an organization such as a charity, in order to help them". Here, it refers to financial contributions or equivalent material support.
- **Political Campaign:** '*Campaign'* is a series of planned activities that are intended to achieve a particular aim. Specifically, this refers to the organized efforts by candidates or parties to win elections.
- **Ban:** it is "an official rule that says that something is not allowed". Therefore, we propose a complete legal prohibition.

Our *responsibility* today is to demonstrate that: '**Corporate money creates an inherent conflict of interest that undermines democratic equality, and that removing this money is the only way to align policy-making with the public interest.'**

To support this statement : our argumentation will articulate around three major axes:

1. The distortion of Democratic Integrity (The Conflict of Interest).
2. The restoration of Political Equality among citizens.
3. The prevention of Policy Capture by special interests**.**

I propose, therefore, starting with the first axis. Argument**: The Violation of Political Equality and principles of democracy.**

The fundamental promise of democracy is, as mentioned by the British George Howel "one person, one vote", ensuring that every citizen has an equal say in the future of their country. However , Corporate donations destroy this equality by introducing a rival principle: "one dollar, one vote." And ruins Democracy.

- **Allow me to explain:** Corporations are not citizens; they are legal entities designed to aggregate capital. By allowing them to donate, we allow them to convert their massive financial advantage into political speech that drowns out the average citizen. When a corporation can donate in a single check what a teacher or a factory worker earns in a decade, the playing field is not just tilted; it is broken. This creates a system where influence is determined by bank balance rather than the number of supporters.

- **Example:** In systems allowing unlimited corporate influence (like Super PACs in the USA), a handful of corporations can outspend millions of actual voters. Which is the case with the Pharmaceutical corporations in the US. According to **OpenSecrets (Center for Responsive Politics):** A nonpartisan research group that tracks money in U.S. politics, That this corporations has donated millions of dollars to get certain politicians into the US congress in order to take advantage of the laws for their own profits . This is why We must ban these donations to reaffirm that democracy belongs to the people, not to profit margins.

And Thank you.